

Amendment to House Bill 2  
For the Joint Appropriations Subcommittee on Education

Prepared by the Office of Instruction  
February 5, 2009

**HB2 - DP 94 Adult Basic Education (3% inflation)**  
**(Elected Official Request)**

FY2010	\$16,000	General Fund
FY2011	\$32,000	General Fund

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$48,000 in the 2011 biennium to provide a 3% inflationary increase for the adult basic and literacy education program.

This proposal is a 3% inflationary increase to the 2008 base and will increase the adult basic and literacy appropriation to \$541,000 in FY2010 and \$557,000 in FY2011. This adjustment will help the programs retain existing staff, purchase necessary materials, expand online training for individuals preparing to take the GED, and maintain existing satellite programs to ensure continuation of services for individuals needing adult education services.

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Requested by Representative Cheryl Steenson

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**HB 2 -National Board Certification – Teacher Stipends**  
(Elected Official Request)

FY2010	\$21,000	General Fund
FY2011	\$21,000	General Fund

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$42,000 in the 2011 biennium for stipends to teachers who achieve National Board Certification.

This proposal is for payment of stipends in the amount of \$3,000/ teacher to Montana teachers who achieve certification from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. To date, 73 Montana teachers have achieved national certification; in this past year 11 teachers became nationally certified. OPI has \$12,000 in its FY 08 base budget to provide stipends, but will need \$33,000 in total to provide stipends to all 11 of the most recent group of NBC teachers. This request is for an additional \$21,000 annually to fund stipends for NBC teachers.

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**HB 2 -Exempt State Special Revenue Funds from Vacancy Savings  
Requirement at 7% (Elected Official Request)**

FY2010	\$10,871	State Special Revenue
FY2011	\$10,913	State Special Revenue

Intent of the motion is to remove the 7% vacancy savings requirement for the Traffic Education Program and the Cooperative Purchasing program in the State Special Revenue account in both years of the biennium.

The Office of Public Instruction operates two small programs paid through State Special Revenue funds. The Traffic Education program has 1.43 FTE, and the Cooperative Purchasing Program has only one FTE. Individuals in these positions have been working for our office for a number of years and we do not anticipate any vacancy savings in either of these two programs.

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**HB2 - DP 24 Gifted and Talented**

**(Elected Official Request)**

FY2010	\$500,000	General Fund
FY2011	\$500,000	General Fund

Currently, the state provides \$250,000 annually for Gifted Education programs. The intent of the motion is to appropriate \$1,000,000 in the 2011 biennium to provide additional support of educational services for gifted and talented students. The FY2008 adjusted base is \$250,000.

The Legislature approved one-time only (OTO) funding of an additional \$1,000,000 each year of the 2009 biennium. The OTO funding provided partial support to meet the learning needs of Gifted and Talented students. This amount was in addition to the \$250,000 annual appropriation in each year of the 2009 biennium.

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**HB2 - DP 25 Educator Licensure (Elected Official Request)**

FY2010	\$67,180	General Fund
FY2011	\$63,680	General Fund

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$130,860 over the biennium to pay for attorney or investigator services and training.

This proposal is aimed at enhancing student safety and educator professionalism by making sure that, with respect to licensure, our Montana educators meet minimum academic and moral character qualifications. Funds will support OPI's responsibilities for educator licensure by ensuring thorough, appropriate and fair review in response to situations involving educator misconduct. Funding this proposal will enhance the integrity of the teaching profession while ensuring that our Montana Public School children are not at risk from the individuals hired to educate them.

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**HB2 - DP 91 Inflationary Increase for At-Risk Student Payment**  
**(Elected Official Request)**

FY2010	\$150,000	General Fund
FY2011	\$304,500	General Fund

Intent of the motion is to appropriate \$454,500 for the biennium to provide an inflationary increase of 3% annually in the appropriation for the At-Risk Student Payment.

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**HB2 DP 26 - Formative Assessment** (Elected Official Request)

FY2010	\$325,000 (FY08 base includes \$64,879 so balance needed is \$260,121)
FY2011	\$325,000 (FY08 base includes \$64,879 so balance needed is \$260,121)

The intent of the motion is to fund a proposal for formative assessment.

The purpose of this proposal is to improve teaching and learning by providing professional development to educators on formative assessment. Formative assessment improves student learning by focusing the teacher's and student's efforts on achieving learner goals, monitoring student learning, providing feedback, and adjusting teaching and learning strategies to enhance student learning.

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